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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

CONTAINING

THE RESULT OF THE ASSAYS

OF

FOREIGN GOLD AND SILVER COINS.

JANUARY 4, 1814.

ORDERED TO LIE ON THE TABLE.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

December 31, 1813.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a letter from the director of the mint, containing the result of the assays of foreign gold and silver coins, made in pursuance of the act of the 10th of April, 1806, entitled "An act regulating the currency of foreign coins in the United States."

I have the honor to be,

With great respect, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. JONES,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

*The honorable the Speaker of
the House of Representatives.*

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES, Dec. 22, 1813.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, and agreeably to your desire, have caused assays to be made of the several species of foreign gold and silver coins, made current by an act of Congress of the 10th of April, 1806; the result of which, according to the assayer's report, is as follows:

GOLD COINS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

	C. grs.
No. 1, made of 3 pieces of various dates prior to the year 1806	22 0
2, — 4 ditto of dates from 1806 to 1810 inclusive, except the year 1807	22 0

GOLD COINS OF FRANCE.

No. 1, made of 4 pieces of various dates prior to the year 1806	21	2 $\frac{5}{8}$
2, — 5 ditto of dates from 1806 to 1810 inclusive	21	2 $\frac{3}{8}$
3, — 5 ditto	21	2 $\frac{3}{8}$
4, — 5 ditto	21	2 $\frac{3}{8}$

GOLD COINS OF SPAIN.

				C. grs.
No. 1,	made of 4 pieces of various dates prior to the year 1806	.	.	20 3
2,	5 ditto of dates from 1806 to 1810 inclusive	.	.	20 3
3,	3 ditto dated 1811	.	.	20 3½
4,	1 ditto dated 1813	.	.	20 3¼

GOLD COINS OF PORTUGAL.

No. 1,	made of 2 pieces of various dates prior to the year 1806	.	.	22 0
2,	5 ditto of dates from 1806 to 1810 inclusive	.	.	22 0
3,	5 ditto dated 1811	.	.	22 0
4,	5 ditto dated 1812	.	.	22 0
5,	2 ditto dated 1813	.	.	22 0

SILVER COINS OF FRANCE.

No. 1,	made of 5 crowns of various dates	.	.	oz. dwt. grs.
		.	.	10 18 12

SILVER COINS OF SPAIN.

		oz. <i>dwt.</i> grs.
No. 1, made of 5 pieces of various dates prior to the year 1806	.	10 16 00
2, — 5 ditto dates from the year 1806 to 1810 inclusive	.	10 15 12
3, — 5 ditto . . . dated 1811	.	10 15 12

Assayer's Office, 20th of 12th mo. 1813.

From the above report it will appear,

1. That the gold coins of Great Britain and of Portugal are all uniformly of the same quality, and exactly equal to that of the gold coins of the United States; and therefore, their intrinsic value is at the rate of 100 cents for 27 grains, or $88\frac{8}{9}$ cents per pennyweight.
2. That the gold coins of France, especially those issued since the year 1806 inclusive, are also of a uniform quality, their intrinsic value being at the rate of 100 cents for $27\frac{351}{691}$ grains, or $87\frac{25}{106}$ cents per dwt.
3. That the gold coins of Spain are somewhat variable in their quality, their average intrinsic value being at the rate of 100 cents for $28\frac{738}{1331}$ grains, or $84\frac{3}{106}$ cents per dwt.
4. That the intrinsic value of the French crown, supposing its weight 18 dwt. 17 grs. is 110 cents, and $\frac{7527}{694980}$ parts of a cent.

5. That the intrinsic value of the Spanish dollar, exclusive of those issued prior to the year 1806, supposing it of the full weight of 17 dwt. 7 grs. is 100 cents, and $\frac{25935}{69498}$ parts of a cent.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect and esteem,

Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed)

R. PATTERSON.

*To the honorable William Jones,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.*

